

HONORING ELK RIVER'S FIRST
NATIONAL BANK

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 2017

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate First National Bank in Elk River, for receiving a PACE Business Award from the Elk River Chamber of Commerce.

Each year the chamber awards businesses in the area who have excelled in the private sector, and this year First National Bank received the prestigious Business of the Year Award. This award could not have gone to a more deserving business.

As time passes, businesses come and go, but not the First National Bank. This family run business has been serving Minnesotans for an astonishing one hundred and fifteen years.

The key to their success has not only been their wonderful customer service, but their ability to adapt. They constantly offer the most up to date services so that their customers remain happy and loyal.

I want to congratulate First National Bank for this incredible honor, and I wish them nothing but success in 2017.

HONORING MAYOR OSBY DAVIS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Osby Davis, the Mayor of Vallejo, California, upon his retirement from an impressive career as a public servant.

Mr. Davis has been a resident of our Vallejo community for 58 years. He graduated from Vallejo High School in 1963, completed his A.A. at Vallejo Junior College and his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Fresno State College. He then earned his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law in 1973.

Mr. Davis served on the Solano County Board of Supervisors from 1979 to 1993, the first person of color to do so. As Supervisor, he established the "I CAN BE" program for elementary school students in 1988. With this program, Mr. Davis mentored 5th and 6th grade students to encourage them to work to their full potential and cultivate positive self-esteem. He has also served as a mentor and legal counsel for the Continental of Omega Boys and Girls Club for over 25 years. His service and leadership set an excellent example for young people in our community. As Supervisor, Mr. Davis initiated monthly breakfast meetings with the African-American business community and formed the Black Chamber of Commerce in Vallejo.

When Mr. Davis was first elected Mayor of Vallejo in 2007, and re-elected in 2011 by three votes, he became the city's first African-American mayor. Mr. Davis was instrumental in leading the city through bankruptcy and developing a plan for economic recovery. He established the Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament, and served on numerous regional boards and commissions that addressed issues relevant to Vallejo and its citizens. He will also be remem-

bered as the "best dressed" man in any meeting room.

Mr. Davis and his wife Terrye practice law as Davis & Davis, and they are both engaged business leaders in our community. Mr. Davis has previously served as a director for the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and chaired the Chamber's Educational Roundtable. He and his wife are also active at Lighthouse Covenant Church, where they perform premarital counseling and teach Sunday school.

Mr. Speaker, by attempting the impossible, Mayor Davis has made our Vallejo community stronger as both a public servant and business leader. He is a true friend of Vallejo and a good friend of mine. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS AND
ALISON ST. CLAIR

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and dedication put forth by Nicholas and Alison St. Clair, the owners of Antebellum, a restaurant located in Flowery Branch, Georgia. As a testament to their diligence and culinary talent, Antebellum was recently named one of the top 100 restaurants in America by Opentable.com—an honor that has been bestowed upon the restaurant for two out of the last three years.

Combining the savory tastes of traditional Southern cooking with classic American food, Antebellum has been a go-to for the residents of Hall County for the five years its doors have been open. Having had the opportunity to eat there myself, I can attest to their supreme service and re-imagined Southern fare—especially their take on country fried steak. Starting a business can be a daunting decision, but the St. Clairs' entrepreneurial spirit and passion for culinary excellence has given rise to a dining experience that all residents of the Ninth District of Georgia can enjoy.

Nicholas St. Clair has worked as a chef for almost 20 years and credits his education and creativity with the success of Antebellum. Northeast Georgia is lucky to have business owners like the St. Clairs, who invest in their products in order to serve their clients.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the St. Clairs' commitment to their craft and to congratulate them on the outstanding success of Antebellum. I am looking forward to my next visit to their restaurant to see what's new on the menu, and wish the St. Clair family continued success in Flowery Branch and beyond.

RECOGNIZING STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DON MOFFITT FOR HIS
SERVICE TO ILLINOIS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Representative Don Moffitt,

who retired from the Illinois House of Representatives after finishing out his final term in office. Mr. Moffitt has led a life dedicated to public service, honorably serving in various levels of government for more than four decades.

Mr. Moffitt began his career in public service as an Alderman in the City of Oneida, Illinois, the city he soon became the Mayor of. Mr. Moffitt continued to serve his community through his time as the Knox County Board Chairman, and Knox County Treasurer from 1984 to 1993. Mr. Moffitt became a member of the Illinois State Legislature representing the 74th District in Illinois in 1993, where he has served more than 20 years as a State Representative.

Mr. Moffitt has dedicated his time in public office to strengthening our region by always placing the safety and well-being of our communities first, and serving as a strong advocate for rural communities in the State Legislature. I was pleased to learn he will continue being an advocate for our rural economy in a new position as the Assistant Director at the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. Moffitt for his commitment to public service, and for all that he has done to strengthen our region. I congratulate him again on his retirement from the State Legislature and wish him well at the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

HONORING SERRANO BROTHERS
CATERING

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

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Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Serrano Brothers Catering in Elk River for receiving a PACE Business Award from the Elk River Chamber of Commerce.

Every year the Elk River Chamber awards businesses in the area for excellence in commerce, and this year, Serrano Brothers Catering received the New Business of the Year Award.

Serrano Brothers Catering has added a unique touch to the Elk River community. Their eclectic menu includes homemade Italian food, authentic Polish food, as well as American BBQ. This diversity in addition to their excellent service is undoubtedly why they have been so successful.

When opening a new business, the business owners do so at a personal risk, so that they may offer a new product and service to the community.

Serrano Brothers Catering took this risk and it has paid off, making them incredibly deserving of this award. I wish them nothing but luck in 2017.

HONORING AMBASSADOR KAIRAT
UMAROV FOR HIS SERVICE AND
FRIENDSHIP TO THE UNITED
STATES

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ambassador